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*In re* Application of :  
Hm — Michael J. Berman et al. : **WITHDRAWAL FROM ISSUE**  
8-16-6 Application No.: 10/723,701 : **37 CFR 1.313**  
Filed: November 26, 2003 :  
Attorney Docket No. 03-1494 :  
For: **Contact Resistance Device For Improved Process Control** :

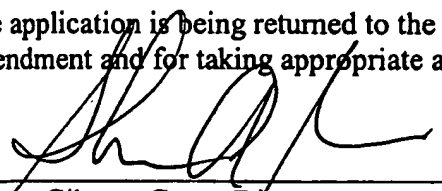
The purpose of this communication is to inform you that the above-identified application is being withdrawn from issue pursuant to 37 CFR 1.313.

The application is being withdrawn from issue because of unpatentability of at least one claim.

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Any question regarding this communication should be directed to Ha Nguyen, Supervisory Patent Examiner, at (571) 272-1678.

The application is being returned to the examiner for consideration of the preliminary amendment and for taking appropriate action.

  
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